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DRAFT Minutes
State Conservation Commission
Monday and Wednesday, October 23 and 25, 2006
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service's Elko Field Office at
555 W. Silver St., Elko, Nevada 89801 and
the Elko Convention Center, 700 Moren Way, Elko, Nevada 89801

The State Conservation Commission considered and acted on the following items on October 23, 2006 at 3:00pm:

Board Members Present: James Settlemeyer – Carson Valley CD, Commission Chairman; Howard Glancy – Dayton Valley CD; Joe Sicking – Paradise/Sonoma CD; Vance Vesco – Big Meadow CD; Dr. Rangesan Narayanan – Associate Dean UNR Department of Agriculture; Don Henderson – Director of NV Department of Agriculture; Judy Currier – CD of Southern Nevada by phone.

Members Absent: Keith Whipple – Lincoln County CD, Commission Vice-Chairman; Sterling Wines – White Pine CD.

Others Present: Pamela B. Wilcox, Executive Secretary – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Kelly McGowan – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Sandi Gotta – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Shanea Evans – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Chris Freeman, President – Nevada Association of Conservation Districts; Richard Vigil, State Conservationist – Natural Resources Conservation Service; Kevin Piper – UNR Agriculture Experiment Station; Paul Kolp, District Manager – Dayton Valley CD.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman James Settlemeyer called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Introductions were made of those present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *ACTION*

A. After reviewing the agenda, Joe Sicking made a motion to approve the agenda. Howard Glancy seconded the motion, motion passed.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - *ACTION*

A. *Election of Chairman.*

1. Don Henderson made a motion to elect James Settlemeyer as Chairman. Joe Sicking seconded the motion, motion passed.

2. Joe Sicking made a motion that nominations for Chairman be closed. Howard Glancy seconded the motion, motion passed. James Settelmeyer was re-elected as Chairman.

B. *Election of Vice-Chairman.*

1. Joe Sicking nominated Keith Whipple as Vice-Chairman. Vance Vesco seconded the motion, motion passed.
2. Don Henderson made a motion that nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed. Howard Glancy seconded the motion, motion passed. Keith Whipple was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

IV. REVIEW, AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *ACTION*

- A. After reviewing the minutes, Joe Sicking made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2006 State Conservation Commission meeting. Vance Vesco seconded the motion, motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments.

VI. REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION

- A. Status of the Division of Conservation Districts

1. *Fiscal Report – Pamela B. Wilcox* – Ms. Wilcox had some concern about the number for operating, Category 04, which shows that the Division has expended \$5375.00 to date, which is almost \$1000.00 more than expended at this time last Fiscal Year. This is due to the fact that Administration, without the Division's knowledge or consent, took \$981.19 by what is referred to as a 'snatch and grab'. The reason for this 'snatch and grab' was a Tort Claim, in which the State lost the settlement over the Bolder City Veteran's Home for the amount of \$10 million. In order to pay that amount, the State took money from all the different budget accounts; the amount taken was dependent on the size of the budget account. It's the Administrations plan, we are assured, to present legislation early in session to restore these funds to the various budget accounts out of which they were taken. If this plan does not happen, then the Division will be watching this account to assure that there are sufficient funds for the year. In addition the grant account, Category 64 (the Grants to Districts Category), has all been expended at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. All other finances are in order.

2. *Conservation Districts Meeting Logs – Kelly McGowan and Sandi Gotta.*

a) Kelly McGowan – Minute and Agenda Log – Kelly explained that the "D" in the minute and agenda log stands for Draft, which indicates that the minutes received were still in draft form and had not been approved by the board of supervisors. Receipt of minutes in draft form within 30 days does meet the requirement of the Open Meeting Law, however a copy of the approved minutes must be submitted as soon as possible. The Division uses the minutes received to determine if three meetings have been held. For the previous Fiscal Year, all districts meet the requirement of three meetings.

b) Pamela B. Wilcox – Ms. Wilcox wanted to point out to the Commission that some of the Districts' held all three meetings in the last few weeks of the year, which *does* meet the legal criteria, however the Commission should be working with the Districts encouraging them to meet regularly throughout the year. The regulatory requirements that the Commission has discussed is the quandary of how to interpret and implement the requirement that the Districts meet *regularly*, which is a separate requirement than meeting three times a year. So the Districts that meet three times at the end of the year have to be called in question whether they are meeting regularly. Staff also pointed out that meeting at the end of the fiscal year is risky when counting on a quorum to meet the requirement of the third meeting. As has been seen in the past, not having a quorum at that meeting could jeopardize Good Standing status and funding.

c) Sandi Gotta – The minute and agenda logs are on the website and are updated at the first of every month. In addition, the Division is working on re-doing

the website to include all the required forms. The website will also include the Open Meeting Law Manual, Attorney General's Ethics Manual, and anything else that might be useful to the Districts, Commission and Public.

3. General/Correspondence – Kelly McGowan and Sandi Gotta.

a) Kelly McGowan – Measurement Indicators –

(1) *For Fiscal Year 2006*: Nevada's Conservation Districts exceeded the projected match of 18.97:1 by matching the state's grant funding of \$5,000 per district. Districts received \$30,000 in funding in the first quarter. All districts remained in Good Standing. Twenty-three training sessions were held. Five Commission meetings were held.

(2) *For Fiscal Year 2007*: Districts matched the state grant funding of \$5,000 per district at a rate of 28.03:1 in the first quarter. All Districts remained in Good Standing. A Donation from the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts was received for publications for things such as newsletters and brochures. In addition, there has been a jump in the past year of how much counties are supporting Districts. Overall Districts are getting much better with paperwork and reporting requirements.

VII. REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION

A. Department of Conservation & Natural Resources – Allen Biaggi – Not Present. No report was given.

B. Department of Agriculture – Don Henderson –

1. Mr. Henderson reported that there was a US Secretarial Designation for Emergency Status for Humboldt, Elko and Lincoln Counties. This opens these three counties to emergency funding from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency. In addition, the adjoining counties will also receive funding, bringing the total to ten counties receiving emergency funding.

2. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Governor's office are working together to revisit and reenergize the Wildfire Management Initiative, to try and get out of this burn and re-burn cycle. Allen Biaggi, director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, at the request of the Governor, has taken charge of that initiative. There was a meeting held in Carson City, NV which included the heads of various agencies, Federal and State officers as well as some county commissioners, in which they discussed the need for change in perspective and response to wildfire and that it must be a sustained effort. The group has decided to meet again in the near future.

a) Joe Sicking asked if there was any talk about fire suppression and what can be done to stop the cycle of fires. Don Henderson went on to explain that there was much discussion on fire suppression and that there are steps being taken, such as training for the volunteer fire department to be more effective in being the first response to fires and being able to knock them down initially.

b) The Commission discussed fire suppression, what can be done and what was done in past fires. The use of livestock for bio-fuels reduction, and the cheat grass cycle was mentioned. In addition, Kevin Piper brought up the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the policies of livestock management should be looked at and perhaps, improved. Vance Vesco mentioned that the BLM office's management tactics need improvement.

c) Don Henderson urged the commission to come up with a policy that encourages action on the allotments to conduct a damage assessment and then sit down with the different divisions, or agencies and discuss if there are areas that can benefit from grazing, if there are areas that need to be closed for recovery, and what the options are. This has to be an individual allotment assessment.

3. The Department of Agriculture is getting ready for the Legislature, to which a flat budget was submitted as well as a long list of wishes. In addition, the Department of Agriculture is looking at getting Capital Improvement Funding for a new State headquarters located with the Weights and Measures Division in Sparks, NV. There is

approximately \$700 million available for new building, and the Department of Agriculture is number twenty on the list for funding.

4. There was one Bill Draft Request on behalf of the industry to charge a fee for seed certification. The Bill Draft Request form was not accepted by the Governor, however the Department is trying to find a legislator to pick it up for sponsorship. The intent of the fee is to be able to hire a Seed Analyst within the Department's Seed Laboratory so that the Department can be responsive to industry requests for seed certification.

5. The Public Lands Committee is looking at submitting a Bill Draft, of which the nature is unknown, that deals with Weed Control Funding. There are different proposals that are being considered, but it is unknown which direction the Public Lands Committee is going to go.

6. The Specialty Crop Grant will be refunded \$100,000 this year as well as next year. This grant program is for those who are looking at developing, trying and marketing specialty crops, non commodity crops.

7. Don Henderson also made a request for a next agenda item – Public Lands and Forest Service. Don requested that the BLM Director and the Forest Service work with Ranchers at the District level.

8. In addition, the Department of Agriculture is working with Senator Reid's office, Farm Bureau and Farm Service Agency to make some changes to the Non Insured Crop Program. This is an insurance program for non commodity crops.

C. University of Nevada, Reno – Dr. Rangesan Narayanan –

1. The University has hired a new president. With the new president there will be changes – most of the changes at this point are unknown.

2. New program

a) Academy for the Environment – New Director – Michael Collopy.

b) Horticulture Program – Bachelor's Degree Program

c) Plant and Horticulture Sciences – Major program

3. November 28-30, 2006 - Workshop in Reno, on the Watershed Scale Collaborative Research in the Great Basin.

D. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Richard Vigil –

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a new chief – Arlen Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster is from Idaho and graduated from the University of Utah. Mr. Lancaster along with Senator Crapo put together the 2002 Farm Bill.

2. Nevada NRCS hopes to receive the same level funding they did in 2006.

3. Farm Service Agency – Non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAPP), to provide assistance to farmers and ranchers.

4. Elko Fire Issues - \$700,000 was appropriated from the NRCS EQUIP Farm Bill Program to assist farmers and ranchers on deferred grazing and reseeding.

5. November 15th - Advisory Group Meeting in Reno, NV for the Great Basin PMC.

E. Farm Service Agency – Roger Van Valkenburg – Not present. No report was given.

F. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – Chris Freeman –

1. Election Year – President, Vice-President and Council Members terms are up.

2. Commission Terms are up as well. If you would like to continue to be on the commission, please make sure your name is on the list for pre-nominations.

3. This past year, Districts' were very good about paying their dues to the Commission, and because of that Mr. Freeman put in a budget of \$900 to help supplement the area meetings – for example, for lunch or gas for a member to attend the meeting. Area meetings are very important in the next year due to the fact that there is the signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) working on water quality issues.

4. 2007 Farm Bill – Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) position on the Farm Bill is that it should be resource-driven and locally-lead with sufficient flexibility to identify local priorities and concerns and program delivery must be tailored to natural resource needs of the State and local areas. The State Technical Committees and programs will help identify local needs and apply limited financial assistance.

5. The NACD Spring Board meeting has been moved to a Summer Board meeting to be held on July 24, 2007.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FY 2006 AND ANNUAL REPORTS FY 2006 AS PER NAC 548.090 AND NAC 548.110 - *ACTION*

- A. Division Staff review –
- B. Staff clarification of Esmeralda, Northeast Elko and White Pine Conservation Districts financial reports per request at SCC meeting on August 17, 2006. –
 1. Esmeralda CD– Financial Reports Review – Esmeralda CD had originally reported spending less than the \$5000 of the required matching funds. Corrections were made and submitted by the CD – Total Expenditures: \$7,012.60 plus total match: \$5,550.
 2. North East Elko CD – The commission had a question on the \$10,900 listed as travel expenses. Sandi Gotta will get clarification whether it is travel expenses or Noxious Weed expenses.
 3. White Pine CD – Previous question on expenses as the CD was short on reportable matching funds. After clarification, a revised report showed total expenditures of \$10,004.84.
- C. Conservation Commission Discussion –
 1. Annual Reports – Staff has been encouraging districts to use the annual report as a tool to go to the county, to promote their programs and to go to the legislature.
- D. Commission Review, Discussion and Determination of approval –
 1. Don Henderson made a motion to accept and note that all Conservation Districts have submitted an annual report. Joe Sicking seconded the motion. Don Henderson moved to modify the motion to accept that all annual reports have been reviewed and submitted except for Big Meadow *. Joe Sicking seconded the motion, motion passed.
*Big Meadow did submit the annual report on the morning of 10/23/06, however it was not in time for submittal to the Commission for review at this meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - *ACTION*

- A. Review of the Nevada Agriculture and Water Quality Committee's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and their Strategic Plans. The SCC is one of several signatory's to the MOU – Sandi Gotta –
 1. The Original MOU was signed in 1994 by Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Soil Conservation Commission, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, and the Nevada State Conservation Commission.
 2. The MOU was revised in 2006, and the signers include: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, Nevada State Conservation Commission, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts, Nevada Inter-Tribal Council, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
 3. The Revised MOU will be signed October 24, 2004 at 8:30am at the Nevada Association of Conservation District's Annual Meeting at the Elko Convention Center at 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801.
 - a) Judy Currier made a motion for the MOU to be signed by the State Conservation Commission Chairman on behalf of the Commission. Howard Glancy seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
 4. Don Henderson requested for future discussion is a panel on air quality and fugitive dust. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is getting complaints about dust problems. Perhaps a MOU or some type of an agreement can be written? The MOU is a great idea and should be expanded.

- a) Pamela Wilcox asked if Conservation Districts are including something in their work plans to include air quality. Perhaps that should be looked at and included?
 - b) Judy Currier – The Conservation District of Southern Nevada is very involved with air quality and fugitive dust issues and works very closely with the county on air quality issues and education.
- B. Review the Commission's and Division's Strategic Plans – Kelly McGowan and Sandi Gotta –
 - 1. Kelly McGowan – Conservation Commission's Timeline - July 2007 – *By July 2007, Have additional funding to CDs for programs and projects in the amount of \$500,000.* The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is going to review some of the resolutions submitted and follow-up on this request with the assistance of division staff.
 - 2. Kelly McGowan – Encouraged Districts to submit photos about on going projects, completed projects, and proposed projects. These different photos would be compiled onto a CD for education use, and given to legislators to view and get the word out about Conservation Districts and the different things they do.
 - 3. Sandi Gotta – In addition to the CDs, there will be brochures printed about the Conservation Districts and the State Conservation Commission. Those brochures will be mailed out with the CDs.

X. NEW BUSINESS - *ACTION*

- A. Review proposal by UNR to develop an intern program with students from the University of Nevada. Ways in which we can work together to develop the program and mutually benefit. Kevin Piper, UNR –
 - 1. Mr. Piper proposed an idea on how to help districts with potential staffing or employee assistance. He proposed looking at the University of Nevada (UNR), College of Agriculture students as interns/seasonal employees to help Conservation Districts.
 - 2. College of Agriculture at UNR has a new area of study under the Environmental Sciences umbrella. Areas of study include watershed, wildlife ecology and conservation, forest and rangeland management, and animal sciences – rangeland and livestock.
 - 3. Mr. Piper suggested districts could budget money to be able to pay the interns/seasonal employees. Look at budgeting money from the different grants, and the different projects, so you can present the prospective intern/seasonal employee with an amount of what they will be paid, and a set of hours that they can work. Interns/seasonal employees can be hired as District employees or contracted employees.
 - 4. The College of Agriculture and Mr. Piper are willing to work with Districts to give them the assistance they need to begin an intern program.
- B. Review District Reporting Logs and District activities – Kelly McGowan
 - 1. District Good Standing – Annual and Financial Reports are due by September 30th.
 - a) Kelly explained the submission of an Annual and Financial Report is a condition of Good Standing for one year based on the reports submitted the previous year. Once the District is found in Good Standing, and the Grant is ready to be issued, the amount of the Grant is limited to what the District actually spent in the Fiscal Year that is just ending. If the District did not expend \$10,000 in the Fiscal Year that is ending, then the amount of funds not spent would be subtracted from the amount of the Grant. He continued, the Annual Report and Financial Report must be in by the due date, September 30th, before the checks for the Grant monies are dispersed.
 - b) Agendas and Minutes from District Meetings must be submitted within thirty days of the meeting date.
 - c) James Settelmeyer suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to those districts, Conservation District of So. Nevada, Clover, Lamoille, Ruby and Starr Valley Conservation Districts, to commend them for a fantastic job they have done in getting the reports to the commission/division in a timely manner and being in compliance. He also suggested sending a courtesy copy of the letter to those who did not. Mr. Settelmeyer then suggested that the Districts that were not in compliance be blind carbon copied instead of a courtesy copy.

(1) Dr. Rangesan Narayanan made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to those five districts who are in compliance and blind courtesy copy the other 23 districts who are not. Also included in the letter to the five districts that were in compliance is 'thank-you for getting the required reports in on time and also mention that they did *not* put their funding in jeopardy'. Howard Glancy seconded the motion and motion passed.*

*Clarification – There will be two letters sent out – one individually labeled letter to each of the five Districts who are in compliance, and the second letter is a blind carbon copy to the 23 Districts who were noncompliant with a cover letter explaining that the attached letter went to Districts who were in compliance and did not put their funding in jeopardy. This will be two separate letters.

d) Kelly McGowan - The District Good Standing logs are not meant to be critical to the Districts, but can be used as a tool to work toward improvement of District's Reporting. Staff uses this information to measure not only the Districts performance, but their own.

e) Chris Freeman suggested that perhaps a silent 15 day grace period be implemented. Pamela B. Wilcox agreed that a policy can be adopted and not publicized. It would provide Staff with a grace period of 15 days to get paperwork together and it would put more Districts in Good Standing.

(1) Joe Sicking made a motion to adopt a policy of a 15-day grace period to get Annual Reports, Financial Reports, Budgets and Work plans in. He explained this move would be made by the commission in hopes that this will bring more districts in compliance with District Good Standing and the Open Meeting Law. Judy Currier seconded the motion. After discussion of additional ideas, a vote was taken and the motion failed.

f) Don Henderson proposed a concept of Staff going back through records and choosing the five worst offenders that are not in compliance and work with them to ensure that things reports get in on time.

(1) Kelly McGowan – Staff is hesitant to pick worst offenders to work with. It would take time to gather that information, due to the fact that it has all been filed and some of the information has been archived. Also, the Districts that are not in compliance vary from year to year.

(2) Judy Currier suggested that this item be held until Wednesday, October 25, 2006, when the Commission reconvenes. This might give staff and commissioners some time to come up with other ideas.

(3) Dr. Narayanan inquired whether the staff knows in general, or if there are specific reasons why there is non compliance or why there is a delay?

(a) James Settelmeyer said that the largest factor that he has heard is there is not a dedicated person paid to do the job for most districts, and it is a volunteer effort. In addition, getting the reports in on time is time consuming and you can only push so hard because most of the people doing the job are volunteers taking time out of their day or evening after working all day.

(b) Pamela B. Wilcox stated that one of the major reasons she sees incompliance is due to procrastination. Every volunteer eventually finds time to get the reports done, whether it be three weeks late or on time, and since there is no penalty, what difference would it make for it to be on time or late?

g) Dr. Narayanan suggested that the discussion of different methods and ideas to help Districts be more efficient in getting reports in on time be on the next agenda. In the mean time, staff and commission members can be thinking about different ideas. This item can be discussed again in two days.

2. Kelly McGowan – The districts matched state funding 27.14:1 in FY06. Income to districts continues to grow, that is not including state funding. Other funding sources

include counties, federal and private funding. Most federal funding is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA and NDEP), as well as Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

XI. STAFF ITEMS – DIVISION STAFF COMMENTS

Unless otherwise listed with a topic description, this portion of the agenda is limited to announcements and discussions of terms proposed for action at future meetings. – No staff Comment.

XII. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Comments, Reports, Items to be included on the next agenda. – No Commissioner Items except those previously stated.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three-minute time limit per person, limited to items not on the agenda.

A. Paul Kolp – Dayton Valley Conservation District –

1. Mr. Kolp reviewed the Question 1 Program and how the Dayton Valley CD is utilizing the funds including the Carson River Corridor Fund (restoration efforts) of which \$2.5 million was allocated to each of four counties.
2. Dayton Valley is seeing huge changes and issues –
 - a) Urbanization Issues – Drainages and Rocks – Impacts River
 - b) Restoration on the River – Carson Valley Storm Water Management
 - c) Costs of Constriction are increasing
3. Question 1 Program Bonds run out in 2008.

XIV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - *ACTION*

A. Set time and place – Commission Meeting will reconvene at the Elko Convention Center, 700 Moren Way, in Elko Nevada on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 4:00 pm or at the conclusion of the NvACD Meeting.

B. Agenda Items –

1. Future Items – Timelines/District compliance

XV. ADJOURN - Commission Meeting will reconvene at the Elko Convention Center, 700 Moren Way, in Elko Nevada on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 4:00pm or at the conclusion of the NvACD Meeting. *ACTION*

A. Joe Sicking made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Henderson seconded the motion, motion passed.



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Board Members Present: James Settelmeyer – Carson Valley CD, Commission Chairman; Howard Glancy – Dayton Valley CD; Joe Sicking – Paradise/Sonoma CD; Keith Whipple – Lincoln County CD, Commission Vice-Chairman; Judy Currier – CD of Southern Nevada by phone.

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Others Present: Pamela B. Wilcox, Executive Secretary – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Kelly McGowan – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Sandi Gotta – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Shanea Evans – NV Division of Conservation Districts; Chris Freeman, President – Nevada Association of Conservation Districts; Richard Vigil, State Conservationist – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman James Settelmeyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made of those present.

II. OLD ITEMS CONTINUED - Continuation of items from October 23, 2006 meeting that may require discussion or action as noted on the agenda ***ACTION***

A. North East Elko CD – The Commission previously questioned the reported travel expenses of \$10,900. Sandi clarified, after talking to Eleanor O'Donnell, that it had been reported in error. The \$ 10,900 was spent on Noxious Weeds abatement expenses and not travel expenses.
1. Joe Sicking made a motion to accept the three financial reports that were in question, North East Elko, Esmeralda, and White Pine CDs. Keith Whipple seconded the motion, motion passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of resolutions approved and submitted by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) on October 24 and 24, 2006. ***ACTION***

1. Seven Resolutions were submitted to the NvACD. The following were considered and action taken by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts:

- a) Resolution #1 – Rangeland Monitoring in Nevada –failed.
- b) Resolution #2 – Legislation to create a Competitive Grant Program Fund for Conservation Districts request for \$500,000 (amended to \$1,000,000) – passed.
- c) Resolution #3 – Weed Funding Request funded by a vehicle registration tax – passed.
- d) Resolution #4 – To support the license of distilleries in Nevada – failed.
- e) Resolution #5 – Increase CD base operating grant from \$5,000/year to \$10,000/year – passed.
- f) Resolution #6 – Land management agencies consider waiving or abbreviating the mandatory rest requirement for resumption of livestock grazing after fire as a rehabilitation tool – passed.
- g) Resolution #7 – Urge legislature to appropriate \$3 million needed to complete payment of the water rights conflict in the Newlands Project in Fallon to resolve years of litigation - passed.

The Resolutions that passed required Commission consideration and action, however the Commission opted to take action at the next meeting when amendments have been finalized. No action was taken.

B. Consideration of other items requested by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) on October 24 and 25, 2006. ***ACTION***

1. None.

C. NvACD report on Conservation Commission nominations for Governor appointment:

- 1. Northeast –
 - a) Joe Sicking
 - b) Patsy Tomera
 - c) Carl Uhlig
- 2. Western –
 - a) Howard Glancy
 - b) Barbara Perlman-Whyman
 - c) Chris Freeman
- 3. Southern –
 - a) Donna Lamb
 - b) Robert Mathews
 - c) Leland Wallace

D. Continuation of items from October 23, 2006 meeting that may require discussion or action as noted on the agenda. ***ACTION***

1. No continuation of items from October 23, 2006 – No Action was taken.

IV. COMMISSIONER ITEMS – Commissioner comments and reports – Unless otherwise listed with a topic description, this portion of the agenda is limited to announcements and discussions of items proposed for action at future meetings.

A. Keith Whipple – requested that the commission meeting be held on one day during the NvACD annual meeting, or be the same days after the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) Annual Meeting. This would make the NvACD meeting two days in length instead of three. It would make it easier to attend both meetings for those who have to travel a long way. Staff will work with NvACD for the next meeting and try to make schedule changes.

V. STAFF ITEMS - Division Staff Comments – Unless otherwise listed with a topic description, this portion of the agenda is limited to announcements and discussions of item proposed for action at future meetings.

A. Division Staff had no comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three-minute time limit per person, limited to items not on the agenda. – No Comments.

VII. NEXT COMMISSISON MEETING - *ACTION*

- A. Set time and place.
 - 1. Division Staff will determine a date for the next State Conservation Commission Meeting. The Commission requested holding the meeting prior to the Legislative Session in January, in Carson City, NV.
- B. Agenda Items.
 - 1. Review Proposed Legislative Funding Bills
 - 2. Budget Reviews
 - 3. BDR (Bill Draft Request) List Items
 - 4. Review Big Meadow Annual Report
 - 5. Use internet to view BDR Tracking software
 - 6. Review how the Legislative Session will work
 - 7. Reports – Conservation District Reports, District Reporting logs and activities
 - 8. Grassland Seeder received by Owyhee.
 - 9. If there are additions, contact Division Staff.

VIII. ADJOURN – *ACTION*

- A. Joe Sicking made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Glancy seconded the motion, motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanea Evans
Administrative Assistant I